

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
WORKSHOP MINUTES
Tuesday, April 26, 2016**

Council Members Bud Otis, President; M.C. Keegan-Ayer, Vice-President; Tony Chmelik, Treasurer; Kirby Delauter, Jerry Donald, Jessica Fitzwater, and Billy Shreve were present for the workshop.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Council Chief of Staff; Michael Chomel, County Attorney's Office; and Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

Council President Otis called the workshop to order at 4:30 p.m. in the first floor hearing room, Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland.

The workshop began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was noted the Rules of Procedure agenda item would be rescheduled to the Council meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.

Charter Amendment Process

John Mathias, County Attorney's Office, presented an overview of the process to amend the Charter as stated in Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution.

No action was taken by the County Council at this time. The issue of Charter amendments would be scheduled for a future meeting.

Session for Any and All Budget Amendments from Council Members

Mr. Rick Harcum and Ms. Kelly Weaver, Budget Office, were present and commented as needed during the session.

The following amendments were made to County Executive Gardner's Proposed 2017 Budget.

(The page numbers noted in the motions refer to the document titled "Frederick County, Maryland Fiscal Year 2017 County Executive Proposed Budget.")

Office of Economic Development (OED)

Council Member Keegan-Ayer moved to amend the OED budget on Page 24 to eliminate the Frederick Branding in the amount of \$80,000 with a correlating reduction to the departmental budget on Page 6. Council Member Delauter seconded the motion that passed 6-1 with Council Member Donald opposed.

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Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 - Donald		X	
District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 - Fitzwater	X		
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve	X		
Presiding Officer - Otis	X		

Council Member Keegan-Ayer moved to amend the OED budget on Page 24 to reduce the Small Business Loan Fund from \$228,937 to \$100,000 with a correlating reduction to the departmental budget Page 6. Council Member Chmelik seconded the motion.

Ms. Margaret Nusbaum commented on the Small Business Loan Fund.

*Council Member Chmelik moved to amend the original motion and strike an additional \$99,000, leaving a balance of \$1,000. Council Member Shreve seconded the amended motion that **failed** 3-4 with Council Member Otis, Keegan-Ayer, Donald, and Fitzwater opposed.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 - Donald		X	
District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer		X	
District 4 - Fitzwater		X	
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve	X		
Presiding Officer - Otis		X	

*The vote on the original motion **failed** 2-5 with Council Members Otis, Delauter, Donald, Fitzwater, and Shreve opposed.*

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District 1 - Donald		X	
District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 - Fitzwater		X	
District 5 - Delauter		X	
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve		X	
Presiding Officer - Otis		X	

*Council Member Chmelik moved to amend the OED budget on Page 24 to eliminate the Administrative Specialist III position in the amount of \$32,186 with a correlating reduction to the departmental budget on Page 6. Council Member Delauter seconded the motion that **failed** 3-4 with Council Members Otis, Keegan-Ayer, Donald, and Fitzwater opposed.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 - Donald		X	
District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer		X	
District 4 - Fitzwater		X	
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve	X		
Presiding Officer - Otis		X	

Human Resources Division

Council Member Fitzwater moved to amend the Human Resources Division budget on Page 24 to eliminate the HR Technician in Talent Acquisition & Management position in the amount of \$32,344 with a correlating reduction to the departmental budget on Page 6. Council Member Keegan-Ayer seconded the motion that passed 6-1 with Council Member Donald opposed.

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District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 - Fitzwater	X		
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve	X		
Presiding Officer - Otis	X		

Planning and Permitting Division

*Council Member Chmelik moved to amend the Planning and Permitting Division budget on Page 24 to eliminate the Coordinator of Permitting Services position in the amount of \$65,262 with a correlating reduction to the departmental budget on Page 6. Council Member Shreve seconded the motion that **failed** 3-4 with Council Members Otis, Keegan-Ayer, Donald, and Fitzwater opposed.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 - Donald		X	
District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer		X	
District 4 - Fitzwater		X	
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve	X		
Presiding Officer - Otis		X	

Public Works Division

*Council Member Keegan-Ayer moved to amend the Public Works Division budget on Page 24 to reduce Roadway Markings from \$170,000 to \$85,000 with a correlating reduction to the departmental budget on Page 6. Council Member Delauter seconded the motion that **failed** 3-4 with Council Members Otis, Chmelik, Donald, and Fitzwater opposed.*

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District 2 - Chmelik		X	
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 - Fitzwater		X	
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve	X		
Presiding Officer - Otis		X	

Finance Division

*Council Member Chmelik moved to amend the Finance Division budget on Page 24 to eliminate the Assistant Finance Director position in the amount of \$124,196 with a correlating reduction to the departmental budget on Page 6. Council Member Delauter seconded the motion that **failed** 3-4 with Council Members Otis, Keegan-Ayer, Donald, and Fitzwater opposed.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 - Donald		X	
District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer		X	
District 4 - Fitzwater		X	
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve	X		
Presiding Officer - Otis		X	

Fleet Services Fund (Public Works Division)

*Council Member Keegan-Ayer moved to amend the Fleet Services Fund (Public Works Division) on Page 27 to reduce Vehicle Equipment Techs from \$125,502 to \$62,751 with a correlating reduction to the Public Works Division budget on Page 6. Council Member Delauter seconded the motion that **failed** 3-4 with Council Members Otis, Chmelik, Donald, and Fitzwater opposed.*

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District 2 - Chmelik		X	
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 - Fitzwater		X	
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve	X		
Presiding Officer - Otis		X	

Parks and Recreation Division

Council Member Chmelik moved to amend the Parks and Recreation Division budget on Page 24 to reduce Replacement of 2 Industrial Mowers from \$200,000 to \$100,000 with a correlating cut to the departmental budget on Page 7. Council Member Delauter seconded the motion that passed 6-1 with Council Member Donald opposed.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 - Donald		X	
District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 - Fitzwater	X		
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve	X		
Presiding Officer - Otis	X		

Board of Education

*Council Member Chmelik moved to amend the Board of Education (BOE) budget on Page 26 to reduce the Maintenance of Effort from \$10,500,000 to \$6,000,000 with a correlating reduction to the BOE budget on Page 8. Council Member Delauter seconded the motion that **failed** 3-4 with Council Members Otis, Keegan-Ayer, Donald, and Fitzwater opposed.*

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District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer		X	
District 4 - Fitzwater		X	
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve	X		
Presiding Officer - Otis		X	

Community Partnership/Non-County

*Council Member Chmelik moved to amend the budget for Community Partnership Grants on Page 8 to reduce it from \$500,000 to \$250,000. Council Member Delauter seconded the motion that **failed** 3-4 with Council Members Otis, Keegan-Ayer, Donald, and Fitzwater opposed.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 - Donald		X	
District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer		X	
District 4 - Fitzwater		X	
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve	X		
Presiding Officer - Otis		X	

Ms. Nusbaum commented on the Community Partnership grants.

Pay

*Council Member Chmelik moved to eliminate the Resource Pool for Pay Adjustments budget on Page 25 in the amount of \$3,650,552 with a correlating reduction across the departmental budgets starting on Page 6. Council Member Delauter seconded the motion that **failed** 3-4 with Council Members Otis, Keegan-Ayer, Donald, and Fitzwater opposed.*

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District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer		X	
District 4 - Fitzwater		X	
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve	X		
Presiding Officer - Otis		X	

Water & Sewer Fund (Capital)

Council Member Keegan-Ayer moved to reduce the Water & Sewer Fund (Capital) – 4 work trucks, 1 SUV on Page 27 by \$30,300 for the cost of one truck with a correlating reduction to the Water and Sewer Fund on Page 18. Council Member Shreve seconded the motion that passed 5-2 with Council Members Donald and Fitzwater opposed.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 - Donald		X	
District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 - Fitzwater		X	
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve	X		
Presiding Officer - Otis	X		

Community Partnership/Non-County

*Council Member Chmelik moved to amend the Non County Agencies - Frederick Arts Council on Page 26 in the amount of \$40,000 with a correlating reduction in the departmental budget on Page 8. Council Member Delauter seconded the motion that **failed** 3-4 with Council Members Otis, Keegan-Ayer, Donald, and Fitzwater opposed.*

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District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer		X	
District 4 - Fitzwater		X	
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve	X		
Presiding Officer - Otis		X	

Community Partnership/Non-County

Council Member Chmelik moved to amend the Non County Agencies - Maryland Ensemble Theatre on Page 26 in the amount of \$5,000 with a correlating reduction in the departmental budget on Page 8. Council Member Delauter seconded the motion. Council Member Chmelik withdrew the amendment.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Bud Otis, President
County Council